the total number of closed holidays, it is not possible to declare 1st November, 2003 as an additional holiday for all Central Government Offices throughout Karnataka.

(c) There is no proposal to declare November 1 st, 2003 as a holiday for Central Government offices.

Corruption at State PSCs

4281. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI.:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a number of instances of various State Public Service Commission bartering Government jobs for fortunes;

(b) if so, what are the number of such cases including the names of State Public Service Commission;

(c) whether Government propose to explore the feasibility of making legislative intervention to stem the rot; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Recently scams in Punjab Public Service Commission and Maharashtra Public Service Commission have come to the notice of the Central Government.

(c) and (d) Union Public Service Commission in their Memorandum submitted before the National Commission to Review the working of the Constitution, had *inter-alia,* suggested that the relevant provisions in the Constitution may be amended to ensure that only persons with spotless reputation are appointed as Chairmen and Members of the Commission. The National Commission to Review the working of the Constitution, however, recommended that it did not see any need for change in the existing provisions concerning UPSC or other Public Service Commissions or any enactment. The said Commission has recommended that healthy conventions may be developed.